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TIN RESERVES IN CHINA

A. Distribution of Tin Deposits

Important deposits of tin ore, occurring in the form of veins, are found at Ko-chiu in Yunnan. Placer deposits are found in Fu-ch'uan, Ho Hsien, Chung-shan, Kung-ch'eng, Ho-ch'ih, Jan-tan, Ch'uan Hsien, and others hsiens in Kwang-shi. Chiang-kua and Lin-wu in Hunan, and Tien-pai, Chieh-yang, Tzu-chin, Tung-kuan, Yun-fou, and other hsiens in Kwangtung also produce tin.

Cassiterite is often found in connection with wolfram. The wolfram mines in Kiangsi contain tin also, but in small quantities as compared with the Yunnan deposits.

B. Amount of Tin Reserves

The tin reserves in Yunnan are estimated at 360,000 tons of the pure metal; in Kwangsi, 52,000 tons; in Kiangsi, 240,000 tons. No reliable estimates exist for other areas. In general, China's total reserves may be set at approximately 650,000 tons. At the peak annual production of 15,000 tons, known supplies would not last more than a few decades.

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